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WASHINGTON (AP)-ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER GOLDA MEIR, ADMITTING THERE ARE PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND ISRAEL, CAME HERE TODAY IN AN EFFORT TO GAIN A CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF AMERICA'S POSITION ON THE MIDDLE EAST.

MRS. MEIR TOLD NEWSMEN THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE U.S. ARE VERY FRIENDLY, BUT SHE NOTED THAT PROBLEMS ARISE FREQUENTLY BETWEEN FRIENDS.

SHE SPOKE AS PRESIDENT NIXON MET WITH EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ISMAIL FAHMY AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

"THERE ARE PROBLEMS THAT HAVE TO BE CLARIFIED," MRS. MEIR SAID. HOWEVER, SHE ADDED, IT WAS "AN OVERSIMPLIFICATION" TO SUGGEST THE U.S. HAS EXERTED UNDUE PRESSURE ON ISRAEL CONCERNING A PEACE SETTLEMENT WITH THE ARABS.

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